

SPORTS

Riders win own invite over NHS

■ Megan Zitner leads Edison to girls' title

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COLLINS — Western Reserve's boys and Edison's girls came away with top honors Saturday at the annual John Speer Riders Invitational cross country meet.

The Rider boys won the 15-team event with 52 points, followed by Norwalk with 81 and the New London A team with 84. Edison was sixth with 152, New London B was ninth with 245; St. Paul was 14th with 395 and Plymouth was 15th with 429.

Mike Chapman of Fremont St. Joe won the race in 15:59, followed by Old Fort's Jeremy Richm. in 16:07, Western Reserve's Chad Duchette in 16:12, Norwalk's Brett Mushett in 16:14 and New London's Joe Hicks in 16:14.

Also running for the champion Riders were Jake Bibb in seventh (16:24), Raymond Bibb in ninth (16:32), Mike Podrosky in 13th (17:10), Aric Wagner in 20th (17:35), Keith Welch in 45th (18:47), and Todd Wolf in 58th (19:17).

It was the first race for Raymond Bibb at Western Reserve, a freshman, started the year at Bellevue then moved this week to live with his father, Bob, and brother, Jake.

Raymond Bibb ran for Bellevue Tuesday and won the tri-meet against Norwalk and Willard.

The top finisher for Edison was Dennis Painter in 21st (17:38). Sam Roberts led the New London B team in 16th (17:22), Jeff Pridmore was tops for St. Paul in 56th (19:15), while Jay Follett led Plymouth in 69th (19:48).

Edison won the girls' race with 40 points, followed by Fremont St. Joe with 55. New London was fourth in the 10-team race with 113, St. Paul was fifth with 135,



Megan Zitner

and Western Reserve sixth with 158.

Edison's Megan Zitner won the girls' race in 19:32, followed by St. Paul's Erin McFadden (19:57), Edison's Sarah Showalter (20:02), Trish Snyder of Fremont St. Joe (20:04) and Katie Nickoli of St. Paul (20:14).

Also running for the champion Chargers were Dee Dee Wikel in ninth (20:47), Ashley Borer in 12th (20:57), Barbara Brittain in 15th (21:13), Lisa Greaves in 19th (21:42) and Heidi Schafer in 23rd (21:57).

Shannon Geist led New London in 10th place (20:50), while Becky Silvious paced Western in 20th (21:46).

Jacob Dowdell of Elyria Catholic won the boys' open race in 18:21, followed by three Western runners — Nate Janicek (18:32), Adrian Podrosky (19:12) and Jon Goebel (19:27). Edison's Matt Miklour was fifth in 19:37, while teammate Matt Schwab was sixth in 19:44.

Edison's Kate Arthur won the girls' open race in 20:40, followed by Jessica Merrill of Elyria Open Door Christian in 21:56.

Three Edison runners were next — Angie McLaughlin (22:04), Courtney Harris (22:29) and Amy Cull (22:34). Norwalk's Marissa Hamernik was sixth in 22:59, while Edison's Sarah Lane was seventh in 22:59.

Norwalk Middle School eighth grader Heather Gentzel took top honors in the girls' junior high race in 13:29, followed by teammate Jennifer Resor (13:40).

JOHN SPEER RIDERS INVITATIONAL

BOYS

TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Western Reserve 52; 2. Norwalk 81; 3. New London A 84; 4. Old Fort 124; 5. Elyria Catholic 131; 6. Edison 152; 7. Ashland Crestview 207; 8. Mapleton 232; 9. New London B 245; 10. Fremont St. Joe 252; 11. Black River 258; 12. Keystone 266; 13. Open Door Christian 343; 14. St. Paul 395; 15. Plymouth 429.

WESTERN RESERVE — 3. Chad Duchette, 16:12; 7. Jake Bibb, 16:24; 9. Raymond Bibb, 16:32; 13. Mike Podrosky, 17:10; 20. Aric Wagner, 17:35; 45. Keith Welch, 18:47; 58. Todd Wolf, 19:17.

NORWALK — 4. Brett Mushett, 16:14; 6. Josh Monahan, 16:19; 17. Scott Valentine, 17:27; 25. Brian Lodermeier, 17:45; 29. Mike Hamernik, 18:05; 41. Scott Wikel, 18:40; 68. Chris Bossart, 19:44. (Open) 14. D. J. Bossart, 21:10.

NEW LONDON A — 5. Joe Hicks, 16:14; 12. Brian Myers, 17:09; 19. Cory Wybensinger, 17:34; 22. Tyler Ambury, 17:38; 26. Phil Pickering, 17:49; 27. Sean Hovmeier, 17:54; 36. Mike Krystowski, 18:19.

EDISON — 21. Dennis Painter, 17:38; 23. Drew Conant, 17:39; 30. Alex Heitzel, 18:08; 35. Zeke Knechtges, 18:18; 40. Matt Sparks, 18:43; 52. Rob Rockwell, 19:02; 57. Steve Berry, 19:15.

NEW LONDON B — 18. Sam Roberts, 17:22; 24. Shawn Mason, 17:40; 48. Jay Eastman, 18:49; 72. Adam Fedak, 19:52; 87. Jordan Eastman, 21:43.

ST. PAUL — 58. Jeff Pridmore, 19:15; 78. Brett Pfeiffer, 20:14; 83. Brian Smith, 20:37; 88. Marc Smith, 21:45; 90. Matt Beebe, 21:57; 92. Brad Boosa, 22:57; 96. Brian Davis, 23:38.

PLYMOUTH — 69. Jay Follett, 19:48; 85. Eliot Fackler, 20:32; 86. Josh Conlay, 21:06; 91. Joe Chids, 22:42; 98. John Justice, no time.

GIRLS

TEAM STANDINGS — 1. Edison 40; 2. Fremont St. Joe 55; 3. Mapleton 86; 4. New London 113; 5. St. Paul 135; 6. Western Reserve 158; 7. Black River 201; 8. Ashland Crestview 228; 9. Elyria Catholic 233; 10. Keystone 247. **EDISON** — 1. Megan Zitner, 19:32; 3. Sara Showalter, 20:02; 5. Dee Dee Wikel, 20:47; 12. Ashley Borer, 20:57; 15. Barbara Brittain, 21:13; 19. Lisa Greaves, 21:42; 23. Heidi Schafer, 21:57.

NEW LONDON — 10. Shannon Geist, 20:50; 18. Abbie Jones, 21:32; 22. Rhastina Dunchell, 21:56; 31. Sarah Silver, 22:23; 32. Lacie Duckemiller, 22:34; 35. Olivia Duckemiller, 22:48; 36. Morgan Leimbach, 22:55.

ST. PAUL — 2. Erin McFadden, 19:57; 5. Katie Nickoli, 20:14; 39. Sarah Utery, 23:15; 41. Courtney Moore, 23:25; 48. Melissa Fisher, 24:03; 53. Holly Krumb, 24:35; 57. Sally Bechschmidt, 25:11.

WESTERN RESERVE — 20. Becky Silvious, 21:46; 30. Kristen Yachanin, 22:16; 33. Briana Wagner, 22:37; 37. Jessica Sura, 23:03; 38. Holly Braden, 23:14; 42. Sarah Yachanin, 23:30; 54. Meggan Fackler, 24:21.

NORWALK (open race) — 6. Marissa Hamernik, 22:59; 15. Amy Phillips, 24:10.

JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS

NORWALK — 1. Heather Gentzel, 13:29; 2. Jennifer Resor, 13:40; 7. Lauren Woods, 14:23; 14. Beth Lodermeier, 15:16.



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Norwalk's Josh Monahan (front) and New London's Joe Hicks battle it out Saturday at the John Speer Rider's Invitational cross country meet. Hicks ended up fifth in the race, one spot ahead of Monahan as the two battled it out the entire way.

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